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NEWS:
TERRORISM
PAKISTAN POLITICAL SITUATION

OPINION:
MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

1. HEADLINES

"U.S. ASSURES HELP TO PAKISTAN IN FIGHT AGAINST
EXTREMISM," "FRONTIER POST" (04/05) (NOTE: MOST ALL
ENGLISH AND URDU-LANGUAGE NATIONAL DAILIES GAVE
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PROMINENT FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO THE PAS-RELEASED TEXT
OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOUTH ASIA
DONALD CAMP'S SPEECH AT THE JOHNS HOPKINS SCHOOL OF
ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES). END NOTE.

"U.S. TO REWARD THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE FAISALABAD
OPERATION (AGAINST AL-QAEDA)," "DIN" (04/05)

"ARABS ARRESTED IN AREA OF LAHORE INNOCENT; THEY ARE
NEITHER LINKED TO AL-QAIDA, NOR WERE BOMBS RECOVERED
FROM THEM: DIG POLICE," "KHABRAIN" (04/05)

"ANOTHER 23 AL-QAEDA MEMBERS ARRESTED IN PAKISTAN; 21
WERE ARRESTED IN MANSEHRA, 2 IN LAHORE," "DIN" (04/05)

"PAKISTAN IS HARBORING UZBEK AL-QAEDA TERRORISTS:
UZBEKISTAN," "JANG" (04/05)

"TALIBAN AND AL-QAEDA LAUNCH ROCKET ATTACK ON
COALITION FORCES; CONSPIRACY AGAINST KARZAI
GOVERNMENT FAILS, DOZENS ARRESTED IN KABUL," "NAWA-E-
WAQT" (04/05)

"SCRUTINY OF ISLAMIC CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS IN THE
U.S.; 19 LINKED TO THE SAUDI ROYAL FAMILY," "DIN"
(04/05)

"U.S. SAYS THIRD COUNTRY INTERROGATION OF ABU ZUBAYDA
NOT PRACTICABLE," "JANG" (04/05)

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"ISRAEL MUST PULL BACK TROOPS FROM PALESTINIAN AREAS:

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BUSH," "JANG" (04/05)

"ENOUGH IS ENOUGH; ARAFAT RESPONSIBLE FOR SITUATION;
SUICIDE BOMBERS ARE MURDERERS: BUSH," "NAWA-E-WAQT"
(04/05)

"MEETING WITH COLIN POWELL, AMERICAN MUSLIMS REJECT
BUSH'S MIDDLE EAST POLICY," "NAWA-E-WAQT" (04/05)

"WE ARE NOT CONCERNED WITH SPECIFIC POLITICAL CHANGES
IN PAKISTAN: U.S." "DIN" (04/05)

"MUTTEHDA MAJLIS-E-AMAL (ALLIANCE OF ALL THE LEADING
RELIGIOUS PARTIES OF THE COUNTRY) WILL HOLD
DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL TODAY," "NAWA-E-WAQT"
(04/05)

-- NEWS

-- TERRORISM

2. "NO U.S. HOT PURSUIT INTO PAKISTAN: FRANKS,"

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"FRONTIER POST" (04/05)

QUOTE: AMERICAN TROOPS HUNTING SUSPECTED TERRORISTS
IN AFGHANISTAN DO NOT NEED TO PURSUE THEM INTO
PAKISTAN, THE HEAD OF THE WAR EFFORT SAID.... END
QUOTE.

3. "EFFORTS ON TO DECIPHER CODE WORDS OF AL-QAEDA
MEN," "DAWN" (04/05)

QUOTE: INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE THEY WILL FIND VITAL
CLUES ABOUT USAMA BIN LADEN AS SOME "CODE WORDS" HAVE
BEEN FOUND ON A WALL OF A KITCHEN IN THE FAISAL TOWN
HIDEOUT WHERE ABU ZUBAYDA AND 18 OTHER AL QAEDA
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MEMBERS WERE ARRESTED LAST WEEK. IN THE BACKDROP OF
MYSTERY SHROUDING THE FATE OF USAMA BIN LADEN, THE FBI

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AND PAKISTANI AGENCIES GAVE AN INDICATION ABOUT HIM, SAYING THEY HAD FOUND CERTAIN CODE WORDS INSCRIBED IN THE KITCHEN WALL DURING RAID ON THE AL-QAEDA MEN'S HIDEOUT ON CANAL ROAD SUCH AS "FRIDAY" DAWOOD AND ABU KAMEL", "SATURDAY" USAMA AND ANEES".... END QUOTE.

-- PAKISTAN POLITICAL SITUATION

4. "BUSH ADMIN AMBIVALENT ON REFERENDUM," "THE NATION" (04/05)

QUOTE: IN A RESPONSE MARKED BY AMBIVALENCE, THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION HAS AVOIDED DIRECT COMMENT ON PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF'S DECISION TO HOLD A REFERENDUM TO EXTEND HIS RULE.... END QUOTE.

5. "QAZI PLEADS SC FOR EARLY HEARING OF PETITIONS AGAINST MUSHARRAF," "FRONTIER POST" (04/05)

QUOTE: THE LAWYERS FOR JAMAAT-E-ISLAMI (JI) AMEER QAZI HUSSAIN AHMED HAVE FILED AN APPLICATION WITH THE SUPREME COURT PLEADING FOR SETTING AN EARLY DATE FOR HEARING OF THE PETITIONS CHALLENGING THE PRESIDENTIAL REFERENDUM AND MUSHARRAF'S ASSUMING THE PRESIDENCY.... END QUOTE.

6. "TARIQ AZIZ TO RETIRE ON MAY 27," "FRONTIER POST" (04/05)

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QUOTE: THE CABINET DIVISION HAS ISSUED A NOTIFICATION TO THE EFFECT THE RETIREMENT OF PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE MR. TARIQ AZIZ ON MAY 27, 2002.... END QUOTE.

OPINION

-- MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

7. "ISRAEL AND FOREIGN MEDIA," AN EDITORIAL IN THE KARACHI-BASED INDEPENDENT NATIONAL DAILY, "DAWN" (04/05)

QUOTE: ... CONSIDERING THE NATURE OF THE ATROCITIES HIS TROOPS ARE COMMITTING IN RAMALLAH AND THE OTHER RE-OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TOWNS, ARIEL SHARON KNOWS THAT

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THE BEST WAY TO HIDE HIS CRIMINAL CONDUCT IS TO
 DECLARE THE AREA A "MILITARY ZONE" AND ORDER ALL
 JOURNALISTS OUT OF IT. THIS IS IN CLEAR BREACH OF A
 TIME-HONORED PRACTICE: JOURNALISTS HAVE ALWAYS

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CONSIDERED IT THEIR RIGHT TO REPORT FROM THE
FRONTLINES.... SHARON WAS A WAR CRIMINAL THEN; HE IS
ONE TODAY. IT IS HE, AS THE REAL VILLAIN IN THE BLOODY
MIDDLE EAST DRAMA, WHO NEEDS NOT ONLY TO BE REINED IN,
BUT ALSO BROUGHT TO JUSTICE FOR WAR CRIMES. END
QUOTE.

8. "UNITED STATES' GUILT ON PALESTINE," AN OP-ED BY
NASIM ZEHRA IN THE CENTRIST NATIONAL DAILY, "THE NEWS"
(04/05)

QUOTE: ... WASHINGTON'S PRESENT POSITION ON THE
PALESTINIAN ISSUE CONVEYS COMPLETE MORAL AND POLITICAL
BANKRUPTCY.... IN A MORBID DISPLAY OF ARROGANCE,
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AMERICAN POWER DICTATES AND DEMANDS WHAT IS EMINENTLY
ILLOGICAL.... PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH BELIEVES HIS
ANTI-TERRORISM GAME IS 'ON-A-ROLL.'... WASHINGTON'S
MEDIATION HAS REPEATEDLY BEEN ON THE SIDE OF THE
ISRAELIS. THE TENET PLAN WAS ALSO IN LINE WITH THE
ISRAELI DEMANDS.... WASHINGTON'S 'PARENTING' OF
ISRAEL HAS BEEN DISASTROUS. UNITED STATES' PRINCIPAL
ARAB ALLY HAS SPOKEN OUT ON THE U.S. ROLE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST.... THE WORLD LOOKS ON AS THE VERY PEOPLE
THAT HAVE KEPT THROUGH NUMEROUS GIMMICKS THE MEMORY OF
THE HOLOCAUST ALIVE, ARE REFUSING TO UNDERSTAND THE
PAIN AND THE INJUSTICE INFLICTED UPON THE WRONGED
PALESTINIANS. SUCH IS THE BLINDING POWER OF
CONVOLUTED REASONING THAT WASHINGTON HAS LOCKED ITSELF
INTO. HOWEVER, ONLY MORE CONCRETE POLITICAL ACTION BY
THE ARAB STATES, IN SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINIANS, WILL
FORCE A RETHINK IN WASHINGTON. ONLY THEN WILL
WASHINGTON UNDERSTAND THAT THE ERA OF INTERIM
AGREEMENTS IS DEAD. IT IS TIME TO START WITH THE
ABDULLAH PLAN; WITH ISRAELIS CONCEDED A PALESTINIAN
HOMELAND AND THE ARABS RECOGNITION AND ENGAGEMENT TO
THE ISRAELI STATE. END QUOTE.

9. "BUTCHER LET LOOSE AGAIN," AN OP-ED BY MASUD

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AKHTAR SHAIKH IN THE CENTRIST NATIONAL DAILY, "THE
NEWS" (04/05)

QUOTE: THE 'BUTCHER OF BEIRUT' WHO EARNED THAT TITLE
AFTER MERCILESSLY KILLING HUNDREDS OF PALESTINIAN
REFUGEES, MOSTLY INNOCENT WOMEN AND CHILDREN, IN THE SABRA
AND SHATILLA CAMPS DURING THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF

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LEBANON IN 1982, HAS BEEN LET LOOSE ONCE AGAIN TO
QUENCH HIS INSATIABLE THIRST FOR HUMAN BLOOD....
CONTINUOUS PAMPERING BY AMERICA HAS SPOILED SHARON TO
SUCH AN EXTENT THAT HE NOW HAS THE AUDACITY TO BLUNTLY
REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION URGING ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW ITS
FORCES FROM THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES OF THE WEST
BANK. HAD ANY MUSLIM COUNTRY SHOWN THAT MUCH
DISREGARD FOR THE WORLD BODY'S UNANIMOUS DECISION,
SANCTIONS OF ALL SORTS WOULD HAVE BEEN SLAPPED ON IT
IMMEDIATELY AND THE DEFIANT COUNTRY PLACED AMONG THOSE
WHO CONSTITUTE THE SO-CALLED "AXIS OF EVIL"! BUT HOW
IS IT THAT NO PENAL ACTION HAS EVEN BEEN TALKED ABOUT
IN THE WESTERN CORRIDORS OF POWER, AS FAR AS SHARON'S
ARROGANT DISMISSAL OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
IS CONCERNED? AMERICA IS AS TONGUE-TIED AS HER OTHER
ALLIES IN THE ONGOING WAR AGAINST TERRORISM.... END
QUOTE.

10. "U.S. MUST LEARN FROM HISTORY," AN OP-ED BY
SALEEM YAZDANI IN THE LEADING MASS CIRCULATION URDU
DAILY, "JANG" (04/05)

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QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES' UNWARRANTED SUPPORT TO
ISRAEL IS PRIMARILY TO BE BLAMED FOR TAKING THE
PALESTINIAN INTIFADA TO THIS EXTREME OF SUICIDAL
ATTACKS. HAD THE U.S. ATTITUDE BEEN BIPARTISAN AND
BASED ON JUSTICE AND FAIR PLAYS THEN THE LAW AND ORDER
SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD HAVE BEEN
DIFFERENT. THE U.S. HAS RAPIDLY BEGUN LOSING THE
SUPPORT THAT IT HAD WON IN THE WAKE OF SEPTEMBER 11.
END QUOTE.

11. "DOES AMERICA THE WANT A GENOCIDE OF THE
PALESTINIANS?" AN EDITORIAL IN THE POPULAR URDU DAILY
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QUOTE: ISRAELIS ARE TAKING REVENGE ON THE PALESTINIANS FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO THE JEWS IN NAZI GERMANY, WHEREAS THE PALESTINIANS HAVE NO LINK WITH THAT WHATSOEVER. ISRAEL HAS TURNED PALESTINE INTO BOSNIA AND IS ENGAGED IN THE SAME KIND OF ETHNIC CLEANSING THAT THE SERBS CARRIED OUT AGAINST THE MUSLIMS THERE. ISRAEL IS ACTING ON A PLAN THAT PROMISES IT ONLY IF MUSLIMS ARE VICTIMIZED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THEY ARE FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR ISRAEL TO ACT WITH SUCH BELLIGERENCE WITHOUT U.S. BACKING. U.S. SILENCE OVER ISRAELI MILITARY OPERATIONS IS NOT WITHOUT REASON -- IT IS OPEN SUPPORT OF THE ISRAELI PLAN, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE U.S. IS NOW ALONE IN ITS UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL, EVEN ITS WESTERN ALLIES HAVE ABANDONED IT.... IN THE LATEST SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING, FRANCE PROPOSED THE DEPLOYMENT OF UN TROOPS IN PALESTINE TO MONITOR THE CEASEFIRE. HOWEVER, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL. SUCH AN ATTITUDE JUSTIFIES THE MUSLIM WORLD'S QUESTION TO THE U.S.: IS IT A PARTY TO THE ISRAELI PLAN OF PALESTINIANS' ETHNIC CLEANSING? END QUOTE. SISON

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